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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

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1. (Amended) A di- or tripeptide derivative having a naphthyl group and represented by the following Formula (1) or a salt thereof